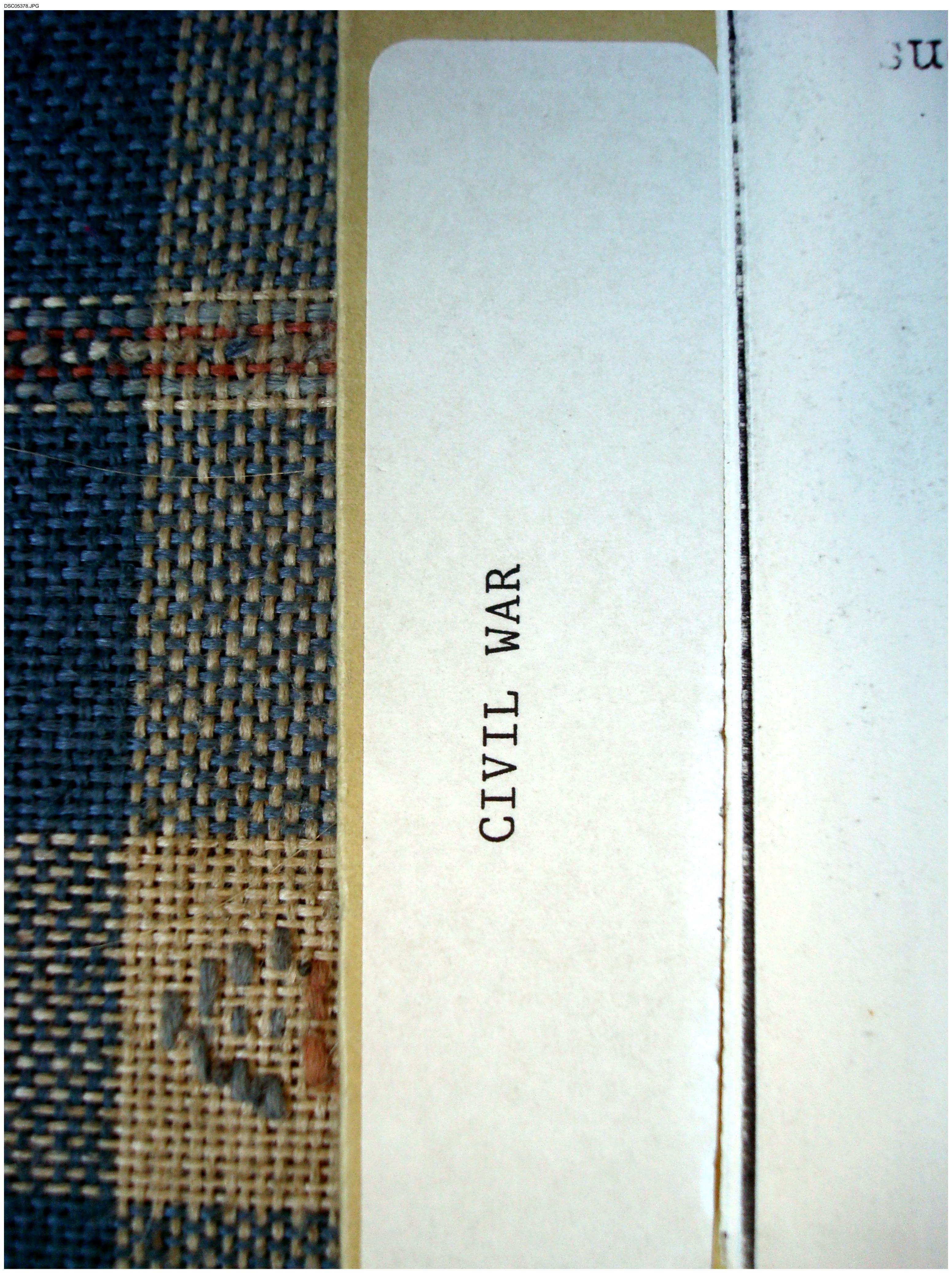
and when the got the light he found for a certainty that
the man really was his own brother. In relating the incident
to Dr. W. P. Newton many years after the battle, he said that
he took his brother by the hand and recognized some peculiarity by which he knew this to be the lifeless body of his
brother. This is an incident so rare that nothing similar
has ever to our knowledge been recorded in the annals of
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POCAHONTAS COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR

In the year 1861 the clouds of War hung over our Country; their deep denigty hung over Virginia which at that time included West Virginia. Civil commotion shook the grand old Commonwealth.

Everywhere they enlisted in their native state; from
the tide washed shores, from the midland counties and from
the rock ribbed Alleghenies, long lines of brave soldiers
marched forth to battle and die upon a hundred crimson fields.
Among them were many of the descendents of the first pioneers
of Pocahontas County who a century before had struggled
with the fierce and relentless barbarians and had at last
driven him from the country in which they had founded their
homes, where the soldiers of a later day were born and reared.

When the tocsin of War sounded throughout their native mountains volunteering began. Andrew G. McNeel repaired to the Little Levels and organized the first company. This was early in the spring of 1861. A requisition was made for arms and they were shipped from Richmond but were never received and the company disbanded in the fall of that same year.

Camptain D. A. Stofer mustered a company at Huntersville, went south and with it was attached to the 31st Virginia Infantry.